

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, claims 11 and 12 have been canceled. Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly define the present invention. Claim 27 has been added. Claims 3, 13, and 26 have been amended to correct formal errors therein. A new Abstract of the Disclosure has been substituted for the pending one.

Based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by and claims 3-6, 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being unpatentable over Cochran, U.S. Patent No. 5,352,071 (Cochran). Claim 7 was rejected as claims and further in view of Schoepe, U.S. Patent No. 3,333,511 (Schoepe). It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-10 are patentable over the prior art including Cochran and Schoepe.

Specifically, claim 1 recites an outer cone surface (6) located inwardly of the guide member (4) coaxially therewith and axially spaced therefrom for axially

guiding the core bit shank. The outer cone surface (6) cooperates with the inner cone surface (10) of the core bit shank during mounting and dismounting of the core bit.

No such outer cone surface is shown in Cochran. In Cochran, the radially spaced dimples (84) (outer surface) are not coaxial with the guide member (42). Further, the dimples (84) serve for fixing the biased retaining collar (66) with respect to the drive collar (42) in order to prevent rotation of the retaining collar relative the drive collar in the retaining position (column 2, lines 29-33. See also column 4, lines 46-55).

Since Cochran fails to disclose each and every feature of independent claim 1, Cochran, as a matter of law, does not anticipate the present invention, as defined by said independent claim.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that Cochran does not anticipate or make obvious the present invention as defined in claim 1, and the present invention is patentable over Cochran.

Claims 2-10 depend on claim 1 and are allowable as being dependent on an allowable subject matter.

Claim 27 corresponds in scope to claim 12 which was indicated as being allowable upon having been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 27, which is claim 12 so rewritten, is also in condition for allowance.

Claims 13-26 are allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place the case in condition for final allowance, it is respectfully requested that such amendment or correction be carried out by Examiner's Amendment and the case passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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